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Sir:

In accordance with M.P.E.P. §713.04, applicants submit the following in connection with a telephonic interview between applicants' attorney and the Examiner on April 30, 2010:

(A) Brief Description of Exhibit

N/A

(B) Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 31 and 35

(C) Identification of Specific Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0158708 to Peyravian.

(D) Identification of Principal Proposed Substantive Amendments

(E) Identification of Principal Arguments

The prior art cited by the Examiner do not teach, suggest or disclose the combination of features set forth in claims 31-43.

(F) Indication of Other Pertinent Matters

N/A

(G) Outcome of the Interview

Applicants' representative discussed independent claims 31 and 35 to clarify the relationship of parameters set forth in these claims. The Examiner requested that applicants explain the difference between claim 31 and the prior art in the formal response, and clarify the value Z set forth in claim 35 to expedite prosecution.

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